



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Katou et al.

Serial No.: 10/702,038

Group Art Unit: 3676

Filed: November 6, 2003

Examiner: Christopher J. Boswell

For: LOCK APPARATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 AND APPLICANTS' INTERVIEW
SUMMARY**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-26 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-20 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 21 - 26 are added.

Claims 1, 10, and 25-26 are independent.

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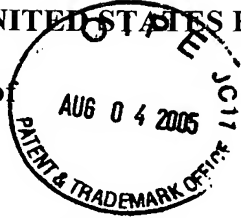
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EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	26	20	= 6	x \$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
Indep. Claims	4	3	= 1	x \$ 200.00	\$ 200.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

\$ 500.00

A check in the amount of \$620.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee and extension of time fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: 8/7/05

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Howard".

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